

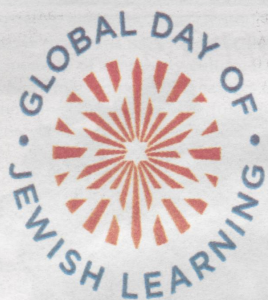
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In the spirit of Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz's call, "Let my people know," Global Day of Jewish Learning is a world-wide, trans-denominational event focused on the unity of the Jewish people and Jewish texts. Jews around the world will come together in communities and homes on the same day to celebrate our shared heritage through events during which we will collectively explore and discuss. Events vary by community. This year's theme is the *Shema*, a central Jewish text.

Our Lexington celebration will take place on Sunday, November 13, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (followed by a pizza dinner) at Temple Adath Israel. The afternoon will entail two sets of your choice of several discussions and seminars. Topics range from the arts to text study. Facilitators are our community members.

Whatever your interests may be, chances are you'll find a workshop you'll be interested in. One session, *Sweet Dreams with Shema*, will be devoted to PJ Library, where young kids and families will read a book on the bedtime *Shema*, create art, and celebrate the many ways Jews have to make bedtime special. Two of the several workshops are Family Life Education programs of Jewish Family Services. Topics are Grandparenting (*And You*

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Sweet Dreams with Shema: A PJ Library Event

On Sunday, November 13 at 4:30 PM, children and their parents and grandparents are invited to Temple Adath Israel for a PJ Library program that will be part of the events of the Global Day of Jewish Learning. We will be learning about the bedtime *Shema* prayer through storytelling and art projects. Rachel Belin will lead the activities and read a PJ Library book called *The Bedtime Sh'ma Book* by Sarah Gershman. Snacks will be served and a pizza dinner will be provided for all those involved in the Global Day programs at the end of the afternoon. Children between the ages of 6 months and eight years of age who have not yet signed up for PJ Library can register at

that time. PJ Library kids each receive a free Jewish book or CD every month and are invited to special programs and parties throughout the year.

After the PJ Library program, parents are invited to participate in other Global Day seminars including a Family Life Education workshop on bedtime rituals for children. Babysitting will be provided.

The PJ Library is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation. For information, please call Talia Smolkin at the Federation at 268-0672. ☆

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Equine Division hears experts

On a warm night in October, the Equine Division of the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass met to socialize and to listen to presentations from two guest speakers. It was a beautiful night, and the setting fit the tone of the evening as we were at the Hopewell Farm owned by Rick Trontz, the host.

The evening was opened with a general introduction from Dan Liebman, co-chair of the Equine Division, who gave a brief history of the Lexington horse business' involvement in the Jewish community. He especially mentioned the work being done at Ben Yakir in Israel. He then turned the program over to Dan Rosenberg, co-chair, who introduced the night's first guest speaker.

The originally scheduled guest speaker, Barry Irwin, an owner of the winner of this year's Kentucky Derby, was sick and unable to attend. With last minute notice, Steve Davidowitz stepped in and spoke to the crowd. Davidowitz is the author of the book *Betting on Thoroughbreds for the 21st Century*. He is a professional handicapper and columnist and the founder and CEO of gradeoneracing.com.

Davidowitz began by retracing his own history in the horse business. He spoke of his early days in baseball, his injury that took him out of being a pitcher, and an important trip to Florida that introduced him to horseracing in order to raise the funds for the ex-

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President's Message

Bob Grossman, JFB President

As you read this message, the Jewish holiday season will be fading into memory, and

the secular holiday season will just be warming up. The differences between the two holiday cycles are sometimes amusing and sometimes jarring. I am never reminded more of my status as a member of a minority culture than when I miss important meetings that someone at work has scheduled on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

Of course, for those of us who enjoy being obstreperous, being Jewish abounds with opportunities. For centuries, people have been predicting our demise, yet we have always survived. And as the US has continued to realize ever more fully its constitutional promise of freedom from bigotry, and with the advent of the State of Israel, one could credibly argue that the Jewish people are thriving today more than we have done for centuries or even millennia.

But our survival is not guaranteed. For us to continue as a people, we need strong community organizations such as synagogues and Federation. Being Jewish has always been a communal affair more than an individual one, and without places for Jews to come together to express their beliefs and values, Jewish culture and identity are likely to wither away.

Our Federation has a central role in preserving Jewish identity in the Bluegrass. JFB provides services, such as Camp Shalom and Jewish Family

Services that are not offered by the congregations and other Jewish organizations in Lexington. Furthermore, JFB provides the only arena in the Bluegrass where Temple, synagogue, Havurah, and unaffiliated Jews can come together to socialize as Jews and to work together on areas of mutual interest such as social action projects, offering the larger community our perspectives on issues that affect Israel, and educating our non-Jewish neighbors on Jewish history and culture.

However, the survival of JFB itself is not guaranteed, either. JFB depends on the financial support of you, our members, to continue its mission of helping the Jewish people survive and thrive. The Board of JFB has made responsible but painful decisions in recent years to bring JFB's expenses in line with its income, including the very difficult decisions to reduce our staff from four to about two and three-fifths. The Board has also taken steps to assure you that JFB is being a good steward of the precious dollars that you entrust to us. Most recently, JFB has joined the Blue Grass Community Foundation, a venerable group that manages funds intended for charitable purposes. We have put our cash in a regular account at BGCF, but we have also established an endowment fund, whose principal we are not permitted to touch, but which provides interest year after year. Our endowment fund is currently too small to pay out interest, but we hope that you will help it grow. Please give generously, both to regular Campaign and to the JFB Endowment fund at the Blue Grass Community Foundation, so that JFB can help ensure the survival of Jewish culture and identity in the Bluegrass. ✧

Editorial

By David Wortman

At a gathering recently, I overheard several people discussing the current crop of political candidates for president. They were evaluating each one concerning their stance on Israel. What was absent from the conversation was an assessment of other issues of importance to the Jewish community.

In a former job, I spent much time in Washington wandering the halls of Congress lobbying congressmen and senators on issues important to the Jewish agenda. Almost invariably, as I entered each office, the legislator would begin by describing his or her position on Israel. The perception on Capitol Hill was that the primary, if not sole concern of the American Jewish community was the relationship between the United States and the State of Israel, as well as the security and future of Israel as a nation. I would go further to say, that this understanding of American Jews is not substantially different in the general population. Moreover, based on my experience, I would argue that much of the American Jewish community considers itself a one-issue population.

Yet, there are many issues about which we should be concerned. Jewish tradition dictates that the concerns of poverty, civil rights, minority rights, ecology, church-state separation, etc. should be of vital interest to our community. Furthermore, there are issues that are important to our coalition partners that we need to support in order to elicit their assistance in our time of need.

Ultimately, the perception of the Jewish community as being a one-issue com-

munity is more harmful than helpful. There are too many crucial interests facing the world today that we need to be understood as committed to.

This is why the Jewish community ought to be as upset about the torching of a mosque in the Galilee as we are about graffiti on a synagogue. We need to be as concerned about people who have no food to eat or shelter over their heads as we are about more parochial interests.

With Thanksgiving approaching, it is appropriate for us to examine about which we are thankful. May I suggest that one of those things is to be thankful for the fact that we live in an open and free society that allows us the ability to speak our minds and support the causes that are so vital to us.

Let me not be misunderstood. Israel is, and will always be, the central focus of our collective identity. The defense of its freedom, its existence, and its continued growth is paramount. Yet, we as Jews can be multi-focused.

As the electoral process unfolds, it is my hope that we will assess the candidates not only on their positions concerning Israel, but also on their commitment to our other communal interests. The scales of balance need to weigh all of the issues. Especially in these economic times, in this era of war, and in this period of threat to human rights, we need to remain ever vigilant.

May we ever bear in mind the dictum of Rabbi Hillel, who once said, "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? Yet, if I am for myself alone, what am I? And, if not now, when?" ✧

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JFS: At Your Service

By Talia Smolkin, MSW
Jewish Family Services



Resources – Family Life Education and Medicare Part D

Often, this time of year calls for resource updates. There are many tremendous resources available. 2-1-1 of United Way of the Bluegrass helps us identify the resources we need (just dial 2-1-1 to connect). The National Family Caregiver Support Program supports caregivers of local seniors as well as senior caregivers of children (contact Bluegrass Area Development District Area Agency on Aging at 859-269-8021 for information). However this month, two resource updates are highlighted: early Medicare Part D Open Enrollment, and perhaps the best resource of all – ourselves.

Medicare Part D

Medicare Part D Open Enrollment is **EARLY** this year. **Open Enrollment began October 15th and ends December 7th.** If you need assistance reviewing and/or changing your plan please call Shannon Gordon at the Lexington Senior Center at 859-278-6072 to schedule an appointment or you can contact SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) at 859-233-4556 or 1-877-293-7447.

Family Life Education – Sunday, November 13

Perhaps the best things in life really are free. Global Day of Jewish Learning (see the front page of this paper for

full details) will consist of several fantastic programs, and two will be Family Life Education programs. One program, *Sweet Dreams for Kids & Families*, will be focused on bedtime rituals, providing opportunities for parents to learn from each other ways to enrich bedtime with their children, and create a sacred space to connect, create a soothing environment, and pass Jewish identities to the next generation. Another program, *And You Shall Teach it to Your Grandchildren*, will be about grandparenting, and will be a space to discuss different opportunities and challenges of grandparenting in today's changing world.

We are our own resource, and these two programs, facilitated by fantastic community members will give us the space to learn from each other. Thank you to the Advisory Committee of Jewish Family Services, and to this committee's Family Life Education subcommittee for your dedication and innovative ideas!

This year's Global Day of Jewish Learning is Sunday, November 13, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm at Temple Adath Israel.

JFS Jewish Family Services Upcoming Programs



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Join us as Jews around the world share a day of Jewish learning, dialogue and exploration, as we join together in celebration of all that unites us.

There will be a series of workshops, for folks all ages, at Temple Adath Israel from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a pizza dinner.

See the front page article for more details or visit www.jewishlexington.org



There is no Leisure Club lunch in November. We encourage all of our Leisure Club regulars to join us at Temple Adath Israel for the Global Day of Jewish Learning.



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The PJ Library Blog

PM Netanyahu and the Rapid Growth of Sifriyat Pijama

Posted on September 12, 2011

ISRAEL — *Sifriyat Pijama* was held in the spotlight this week by none other than the Israeli Prime Minister himself. In a visit to an Israeli preschool, PM Benjamin Netanyahu took the opportunity to read a children's book aloud to a classroom of Israeli students — and a *Sifriyat Pijama* book was selected for the read.

Sifriyat Pijama is a pre-literacy and Jewish heritage program that provides free children's books to students in more than 4,000 of the 10,000 total public preschools in Israel.

RAPID GROWTH IN ISRAEL

In three short years, PJ Library's sister program in Israel, *Sifriyat Pijama*, has grown dramatically, providing Hebrew language children's books to the country's neediest preschoolers.

In 2009, the pre-literacy and Jewish heritage program started by serving 3,500 preschoolers in Israel. A year later, it grew to 45,000 children; and this fall, the program will triple, serving 120,000 young children.

"What's really important is that when you are reaching 40 percent of the public school population with the same books, you really are creating a common heritage in a society where religious and secular children usually do not read the same books," says Galina Vromen, *Sifriyat Pijama*'s director in Israel.



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Education Minister Gideon Saar (far right) share a *Sifriyat Pijama* book with the Nofim Elementary School.

A NEW MARKET FOR BE-LOVED BOOKS

Another noteworthy aspect of *Sifriyat Pijama* is that it creates a new market for books with a broad appeal about Jewish heritage and values. According to Vromen, *Sifriyat Pijama* has even dispatched a researcher to the National Library of Israel to research out-of-print books and stories that might be included in the book program.

In addition to "reviving" otherwise out-of-print books, *Sifriyat Pijama* has also prompted the translation of some popular selections of the PJ Library into Hebrew. She cites *Bagels from Benny*, as one example. "We are stimulating publishers and children's book authors in Israel to think about creating great story books that introduce Jewish culture, folklore, and values to children in fresh and engaging ways," she says.

PLANS FOR EXPANSION

The Israel Ministry of Education is offering a challenge grant for *Sifriyat Pijama* for the upcoming school year. The overall program is expected to cost \$3.6 million. The Ministry of Education has committed \$1.4 million toward the project while the **Harold Grinspoon Foundation** has committed \$1.2 million and is seeking additional philanthropic partners to fund the remaining \$1 million.

The Harold Grinspoon Foundation operates and funds the PJ Library

in North America in partnership with more than 155 local communities and donors. Each month over 85,000 children, ages six months to eight years old, receive a book mailed directly to their home. This program has received many awards and is soon to be launching in Australia.

Inspired by the fact that the combined programs are now reaching 200,000 children worldwide, PJ Library founder Harold Grinspoon says, "To witness this extraordinary expansion in Israel in such a short time span affirms my belief that the PJ Library is doing an important service in bringing Jewish stories into the hearts and minds of young people all around the world."

Partners in funding *Sifriyat Pijama* include:

- Mitzi and Warren Eisenberg Family Foundation
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Jewish Film Series continues

Two new Jewish films will be shown in November and will complete the second annual Jewish Film Series sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass in cooperation with Hillel and the Jewish Studies Program. Both films will be held at the Center Theater in the University of Kentucky Student Center on Avenue of Champions at 4:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00. There is no charge for college students with a current university ID. Free parking is available in Student Center lot and you do not need a sticker to park there.

On Sunday, November 6, we will be showing *Anita*, a film by Argentinean filmmaker Marcos Carnevale. The film is about a young woman with Down syndrome and what happens to her

after the bombing of the Argentine Israelite Mutual Association (AMIA) building. The film is in Spanish with English subtitles.

The final film of the series, *Rashevski's Tango* by Sam Gabarski, will be shown on Sunday, November 20. The film is a portrait of three generations of a Jewish family wrestling with issues of Jewish identity, love, interfaith marriage and long-held family secrets. The film is in English, Hebrew and French with English subtitles.

Both films are distributed by Menemsha Films. For information, please call the Federation at 268-0672 or send an email to jfb@jewishlexington.org. ✪

Combating Autism Reauthorization Act

The Jewish Federations of North America applauds the signing into law of the Combating Autism Reauthorization Act by President Barack Obama on Friday, Sept. 30, 2011, following the passage of a bill in both the House of Representatives and Senate that approves a three-year extension to the Combating Autism Act (CAA). The law ensures that essential diagnosis and treatment programs, as well as research and surveillance initiatives, benefiting individuals on the autism spectrum will continue for three more years. Particularly during these difficult economic times, extending these programs and initiatives is a welcome victory for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

The Jewish Federations will continue to work with key lawmakers and partner organizations to improve the efficacy of the CAA, including critical reforms that enhance participation of individuals on the autism spectrum in the administration of CAA programming, focusing research funding on the development and provision of services and supports for individuals and families, and expanding the focus of research and services to include the needs of adults on the autism spectrum.

"We thank the bipartisan leadership in both chambers of Congress for pass-

ing this reauthorization, which will ensure ground is not lost in the effort to provide for the needs of individuals on the autism spectrum and their families," said Cheryl Fishbein, chair of JFNA's Domestic Affairs Cabinet. "The Jewish Federation system and our partner agencies look forward to engaging with lawmakers to ensure all individuals with disabilities and their families have access to the services and care they need during these difficult economic times."

"We wholeheartedly salute the reauthorization of needed research funding, but there is much work to be done to ensure a greater focus on research to improve the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum," added William C. Daroff, Vice President for Public Policy and Director of the Washington office. "We seek to promote the well-being of those on the autism spectrum, as well as their greater inclusion in the public policy debate about their future."

Recent federal data reveals that only 3 percent of research funding has gone towards research aimed at improving the quality of service-provision for individuals on the autism spectrum and families, while less than 1 percent of autism research dollars focused on the needs of adults. ✪

Letter from Senator Mitch McConnell to Judy Wortman, Executive Director, JFB

September 27, 2011

Dear Mrs. Wortman,

Thank you for contacting me regarding United States security assistance to Israel. I appreciate your taking the time to share your views with me and I welcome this opportunity to respond.

As you may know, the Israeli government has enforced a lawful blockade on the Gaza Strip since 2007. The blockade, which is imposed on land, sea and air, is in place to prevent weapons and arms from making their way to Hamas, the group that rules Gaza and is labeled by the State Department as a Foreign Terrorist Organization. The blockade against Gaza is in place because Hamas has, on untold occasions and as recently as April 2011, lobbed rockets and mortars into Israel. They have done so with the intent and effect of killing Israeli civilians. In fact, the terrorist organization has refused to accept Israel's right to exist and calls for the destruction of the Jewish state in its charter. As a long-time supporter of Israel, I am deeply troubled by the multiple threats the country faces, not only from Hamas in Gaza, but from Hezbollah and the radical leaders who control Iran.

Israel is America's strongest ally in the Middle East and is a partner in military, intelligence and other important matters in this critical region. I fully support Israel's right to self-defense. As such, I, along with 86 other Senators, sent a letter to President Obama in June 2010 urging that the President continue to support the strategic partnership with Israel. In April 2010, I was also proud to co-sign a letter to Sec. Clinton urging her to continue to reaffirm the strong bonds that tie the United States and Israel together.

In the same vein, I have been proud to

support Israel on the Senate floor. On April 14, I supported the FY 2011 Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, which appropriated over \$415 million to support Israeli security programs, including the Iron Dome anti-rocket defense system. At the beginning of the last Congress, I also was pleased to cosponsor Senate Resolution 10, which recognized the right of Israel to defend itself against attacks from Gaza. This resolution reaffirmed the United States support for Israel against Hamas and reiterated the goal of a peaceful two state solution to the long-standing Middle East conflict.

You may also be interested to know that shortly after the announcement of the proposed Hamas-Fatah reconciliation agreement, I was proud to cosponsor S. Res. 185. This resolution reaffirms opposition to the inclusion of Hamas in a Palestinian unity government, unless the group is willing to accept peace with Israel and renounce violence. The resolution also declares that Palestinian efforts to gain recognition statehood outside of direct negotiations, demonstrates the absence of a good-faith commitment to peace negotiations.

In short, I believe that Israel remains a vital ally of the United States. It is my hope that peace can be achieved in the Middle East, but it can only happen if Israel's security remains strong. Again thank you for making me aware of your concerns. If you would like to receive periodic updates about issues such as this, please sign up for my E newsletter at <http://mcconnell.senate.gov>, and become a fan of my page on Facebook, by visiting <http://www.Facebook.com/mitchmcconnell>.

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Mitch McConnell, United States Senator

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Deborah Weiner to speak

On Monday, December 5, 2011, the UK Jewish Studies Program, the UK Appalachian Studies Program and the UK Appalachian Center will co-sponsor a lecture by Deborah Weiner, "Insiders and Outsiders: Jewish Communities in the Appalachian Coalfields."

Date: Monday, Dec. 5, 2011
Time: 8 pm
Place: W. T. Young Library auditorium

Free and open to the public.
A reception will follow the lecture.

Deborah R. Weiner is Research Historian and Family History Coordinator at the Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore. Her book, *Coalfield Jews: An*

Appalachian History, was published by the University of Illinois Press in 2006. It received the Southern Jewish Historical Society Book Prize for the most significant contribution to Southern Jewish history over a four year period. Dr. Weiner earned a Ph.D. in history from West Virginia University in 2002. Her dissertation focused on small Jewish communities in the coalfields of southern West Virginia, southwestern Virginia, and eastern Kentucky. Before pursuing graduate studies, she worked in community development in her native Chicago. ✱

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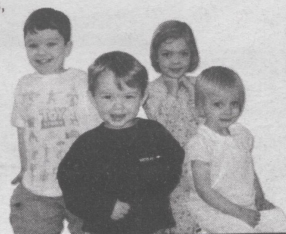
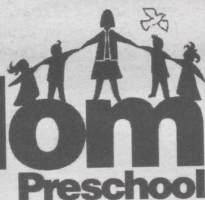
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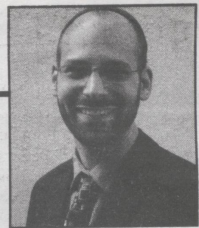
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Ask A Rabbi

Rabbi Moshe Smolkin



Q: Why shouldn't I be an atheist? I just don't believe in an angry dictator in the sky.

A: Often, when I have asked atheists about their understanding of God, they tell me about an old bearded man in the sky who demands that we live in a particular way and then is very judgmental when we do not meet those standards.

The truth is that I too do not believe in such a god, and I can certainly understand why someone with that conception of God would want to be an atheist.

Instead of holding on to that conception of the Holy One, I would like to first suggest a model of the Divine that comes from our rabbinic ancestors some 2,000 years ago. Our ancestors had many names for the Divine, and one of them was *Chei HaOlamim*, Life of the Worlds.

Here the Divine is not conceived in anthropomorphic terms, but rather as the life force itself. This life force flows through the universe, giving rise to the wonders of creation and connecting all that exists. It binds us all together in an organic web of oneness, and it nourishes us with the energy of life.

Jewish mysticism adds to this conception of the Holy One when the Zohar speaks of the Divine being *Sovev u'Memaleh*, surrounding and filling all.

Here the Holy One does not simply ride upon the heavenly clouds, but rather the Divine is as much inside us as outside us. No longer is the Divine conceived as simply being up there, but rather the Divine is all around and inside too. The Divine flows through us and embraces us.

Another wonderful addition to our conception of the Holy One can come from our morning prayers. There we praise the Holy One for caring for us and giving us the Torah to help us live good and just lives. Torah is seen as a great gift, an invitation for us to live meaningful lives. Rather than stemming from the root of judgment, the Torah comes from love. Judaism sees the Holy One as a loving force encouraging us to take care of one another and our planet.

In our morning prayers, after we acknowledge the Source of Love and Care, we are stirred to sing the Shema in which we similarly proclaim our love for the Holy One. Judaism's conception of the Divine is all about a loving relationship between us and the One who loves us.

Hopefully, these Jewish models deriving from our rabbinic tradition, our mystical tradition, and our traditional prayers can help you form a conception of the Holy One that can work for you.

Ultimately though, Judaism understands that the Divine is simply beyond any descriptions or models we can create. The second commandment cautions us against holding on too tightly to any of our conceptions for all of them fail to fully grasp the Divine. The voice that speaks to Moses from the burning bush calls out, "I am what I am." The Holy Being is as ineffable as being itself.

Perhaps what would be better than holding onto a concept of the Divine would be to acknowledge the moments when we feel the Divine. During these moments, we may stop, breathe, open our hearts, and feel. When we do this we may feel our attachment to the Holy One, even though we may not be able to describe it.

Judaism provides us with wonderful opportunities to feel our connection with the Divine. These opportunities are called Mitzvot.

The Hebrew word Mitzvah is similar to the Aramaic word *Tzavta*, which suggests attachment and connection. If we learn how, we can use the Mitzvot to help us feel our attachment to the Holy One.

In Judaism, our feeling connected with the Holy One is even more important than what we intellectually believe about God, and even more important still is our bringing the Holy One's love into the world. ✱

Third Opinion

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD

"Class warfare"

This phrase, so redolent of Communism, the Cold War and the Marxist polemics that preceded and fueled them, has enjoyed a new lease on life in America. However, in this country it seems to refer to those who graduated with their class and those who were held back. The latter include people who assert - "think" would be too complimentary - that "global warming" is a hoax even though the national academy of science of every country that has one maintains that we humans are contributing to it.

They also think that evolution is only a theory and that it has some gaps in it because they cannot accept overwhelming evidence that humans didn't magically appear on Earth with the creation of Adam and Eve 6,015 years ago.

They brag that the USA is "exceptional," which it is, but conclude from this that we may do anything we wish to in the international sphere without regard to the needs, desires or rights of other countries. Speaking of rights, they pretend to revere the Constitution but have proposed forty-two amendments to it.

They claim that our medical system is the "best in the world," but it isn't if only because it is not available to millions of fellow citizens. We have a critical shortage of cancer drugs and our life expectancy has slipped behind that of many other countries. Similarly, our educational system has slipped to the point where our high schoolers are 15th in math skills and 24th in science.

The worst part of it is that they seem to glory in their ignorance of history, ours or anyone else's, geography and politics. They think a good leader is one they would be comfortable having a beer, or soda, with.

One of these people, a retired Navy Chief Petty Officer who was my uncle, asked me in 1963, "Would you rather fight the Commies in Viet Nam or in San Francisco?" Fifty years later, "they" ask the same thing about anyone that they can point to as justifying why this country spends more on defense than the entire rest of the world combined. Remember George Friedman's *The Coming War with Japan*? Meanwhile, the richest Americans are soaking up more and more of the

country's wealth - 400 families own more than the bottom 50% of the population - in a time when more and more people are slipping into poverty. This is a recipe for actual warfare, as Mayor Bloomberg recently hinted.

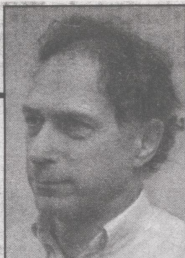
Where do Jews stand on all this? Well, of course, we have at least three opinions... but Jews generally "live like Episcopalians and vote like Puerto Ricans" even on matters against our class interests.

We are, or should be, appalled when politicians claim - without any foundation in fact - that 97% of what Planned Parenthood does is abortions (Sen. Kyl, R-AZ), that HPV virus causes mental retardation (Rep. Bachmann, R-MN), that 50% of job applicants in South Carolina fail drug tests (Gov. Haley, R-SC) or that you can see Russia from Sarah Palin's bedroom - and vice versa. Okay, I made that last part up.

To me, it's no good overlooking these glaring flaws because "they" support Israel. Hey, everyone here except Muslims, skinheads and a few left-wing cranks support Israel. (That's why I no longer subscribe to *The Nation*.) I prefer support for Israel not based entirely on courting the "Jewish vote" no matter how important it is in places like Florida and Pennsylvania. And I prefer the support not be based on some New Testament prediction of a final, apocalyptic battle at Armageddon - that's Greek for Megiddo, the imposing tell southeast of Haifa - and the eventual conversion of all Jews who survive it.

Thanks, anyway, but my "class" includes the Prophets of Israel who insisted that we - and by "we" I mean government as well as individuals - succor the sick, help the needy, protect widows, orphans, laborers, immigrants and tenant farmers. The world still needs mending. ☆

Stanley Ned Rosenbaum, PhD (Brandeis), is a retired professor of Hebrew at UK and professor emeritus of Judaic Studies at Dickinson College in Carlisle, Penn. The title of this recurring column is drawn from the old chestnut, "Two Jews, three opinions."



Winter Dinner to be held on December 11

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass cordially invites you to our annual Winter Dinner that will be held on Sunday, December 11 at 5 pm at Tandoor Indian Cuisine, 3130 Mapleleaf Drive right off Man O' War. The dinner will be a vegetarian buffet. This will be an early celebration of Hanukkah. Please bring your Hanukkiot (Hanukkah menorahs) and candles so that we can sing the blessings together.

As always, children are welcome and can be seated separately. Babysitters

will be available. The cost of the dinner is \$18 for adults and \$5 for kids. There is no charge for children who are five years old and younger.

Evalyn Block is chairing the event with co-chairs Aviva Bowling and Odette Kaplan. Space is limited and reservations must be made in advance by calling or emailing Judy Wortman at 268-0672 or jfb@jewishlexington.org.

Pre-pay online in advance by visiting www.jewishlexington.org.

Letter writers needed

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass is renewing its letter writing campaign to the Herald-Leader. These letters to the editor serve several purposes: 1. support for the State of Israel through providing accurate information about Israel; 2. letting Central Kentucky know that there is an active and viable Jewish community in its midst; 3. supporting issues of social justice, an integral part of Judaism; 4. responding to anti-Israel and anti-Jewish letters that are sometimes published in the paper.

Contents of the letters to the editor need to reflect the writer's personal opinion. How often you will be called upon to write will depend upon the number of participants. In the past it has not been more than every two to three months.

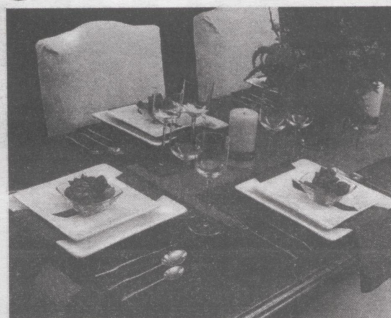
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Israel 21c: Ecuador relies on Israeli expertise to plan 200 accessible, inclusive playgrounds based on Friendship Park in Ra'anana.



Friendship Park, Ra'anana.

Anybody can install a few playground swings adapted for children with physical disabilities. But that is not Israel's vision of accessible play areas. Though they have only started taking off in the past six years, Israeli parks for children with special needs combine carefully planned physical layout with just as carefully planned companion programs geared to educating the community about acceptance and integration.

So remarkable is this formula that it has inspired the vice president of Ecuador, himself a paraplegic, to seek guidance from Israel in building 200 similar parks in his home country. Uruguay also is following Israel's lead in this area.

"The physical and social part of the park go together strongly," says occupational therapist Michele Shapiro, a specialist in sensory therapy at **Beit Issie Shapiro (BIS)**, an organization providing services to children with special needs, promoting research and training and changing attitudes toward people with disabilities.



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Ecuadorian Vice President Lenin Moreno Garces visits Beit Issie Shapiro in Ra'anana.

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"The education, programming and community outreach are what make the park successful," she tells ISRAEL21c. "Otherwise, it becomes a white elephant."

Shapiro headed the design team responsible for Israel's first accessible and inclusive playground, built on a nine-acre area within the large Ra'anana City Park with the help of the municipality, Jewish National Fund-UK and **Keren Kayemeth LeIsrael**. This location lets children with and without special needs enjoy the facilities together.

Park Chaverim (Friendship Park) includes paths, swings and carousels that can accommodate a wheelchair, as well as adaptations for children (or accompanying adults) with hearing and sight impairments. Educational activities and community events foster tolerance and inclusive attitudes for children age three to 17 and their families.

Volunteers and staff from BIS help facilitate everyday interactions – and also assure kids with disabilities get first priority on the equipment, which is popular with all children.

"Without any social intervention in the park and the schools, families of children with disabilities won't enjoy the park as they should and you also won't effect change," BIS Project Director Ronen Cohen tells ISRAEL21c. Parents of children with disabilities rarely frequent playgrounds, he says. "After their kids come home from special education classes, they're

going from one therapy or another, they're very tired, they have other kids to raise, and above all they are concerned about the way the community looks at them. That's why they asked us to be there and welcome them when they come to the park."

Visitors from Ecuador

Since Friendship Park

opened in 2005, BIS has given hundreds of tours to municipal officials from across Israel, and consults on the construction of similar parks.

Yet the July 2011 visit of Ecuadorian Vice President Lenin Moreno Garces stands out in Cohen's mind. Israeli President Shimon Peres and the **Foreign Ministry** coordinated the tour for the wheelchair-bound Garces, accompanied by his family and a VIP entourage.

"We got the feeling it was really touching for him," says Cohen. "He took a lot of pictures and asked a lot of questions that politicians who come here usually don't ask, and we explained all the details and the very clear vision behind the park as a place that provides inclusion."

A few weeks later, Ecuadorian Ambassador to Israel Guillermo Bassante contacted BIS and said the vice president wants to build some 200 Friendship Parks, in each city in Ecuador.

"It's pretty amazing just as a statement, and also it's a very ambitious thing to do," says Cohen. "I said we will be happy to give all the help we can. I recommended to begin with two or three parks as a pilot and appoint a professional liaison for us to deal with."

In addition, the Israeli embassy in Uruguay initiated contact last year between the South American country and BIS in order to build a Friendship Park there.

Families come from all over

Years of planning preceded the establishment of Friendship Park, which quickly became a model for Israel and beyond.



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Friendship Park, Ra'anana.

The concept began with BIS founder Naomi Stuchiner. Once she had raised the necessary money, she and community social workers organized "think tanks" of parents, adults with special needs and therapists. They sought advice from the National Insurance Institute, organizations working with people with various disabilities and parents all over the world.

"When we had our answers, we put up a park that would have equipment suitable for children with any disability and also for typical children plus parents or grandparents with motor problems," Shapiro says.

"We organized it in segments as if you're looking at a watch with a piece of equipment on each 'number,' each of a different color to help children with visual problems to define where they are going." Audible water elements between certain areas help children with sight impairments to orient themselves.

For this first venture, they purchased and tested European equipment. Israeli companies are now making the specialized apparatus for the Friendship Parks that BIS has been helping to set up in several other Israeli cities since 2009 with assistance from the National Insurance Institute, Israeli Lottery and the Shalem Fund, among others. Building a park costs about \$100,000, and the funders' ideal is to include community programming.

"Not all of them have the social side yet, and those don't do as well as ours," says Shapiro. "Families come from all over to use our playground. There's also a lake and petting zoo in the larger park, so all the kids in a family can enjoy it." ☆

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Sunday, November 20



Rashevski's Tango

A Film By Sam Garbarski

The story begins with the death of family matriarch Rosa Rashevski, who believed that a tango could heal the body better than chicken soup. She was a Holocaust survivor who avoided religion and rabbis, but to her family's surprise bought a burial site in a Jewish cemetery. Her death makes her family engage in individual and collective soul searching; their relationships to each other shift in order to fill the empty space left by the formidable Rosa. They also begin to examine their own bond to Judaism. Rashevski's Tango is a portrait of three generations of a Jewish family wrestling with issues of identity, love, interfaith marriage and long-held family secrets. Country of origin: France, Belgium. Spoken languages: English, Hebrew and French with English subtitles.

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Equine (from page 1)

cursion. His appetite was whet. While in college at Rutgers, he traveled often to Garden State Park in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. There he learned about handicapping and horseracing in greater detail.

His main point during the course of the evening was that the marriage between slot machines and horseracing has not been productive the way it is currently structured. He stated that there should be more cross promotion between the two forms of gaming, especially when found in the same facility. Kentucky is in the process of considering whether or not to expand gaming to include slots at horse tracks. Davidowitz emphasized that if Kentucky is to expand its gaming it needed to do so in a proper way.

A second important point raised by Davidowitz was that the media has given horseracing short shrift. In football, he stated, the commentators not only give a full description of the game but also descriptive background material to help the listener or viewer understand what is happening on the field. In horseracing, the broadcasters quickly describe the race – sometimes only part of the race – and give no background on the horses or the vagaries of the race.

After his presentation, Sue Ezrine, co-chair, introduced state Senator Kathy Stein. Senator Stein has a long and distinguished history, beginning as a teacher and extending to her recent election to the State Senate. She entered the General Assembly as a state representative in 1996. When she first went to the Statehouse, she opposed the expansion of gaming beyond horseracing. She felt it was not good public policy for the Commonwealth of Kentucky. At a later point, she changed her mind and began to feel that the fiscal concerns of the Commonwealth dictated the necessity of expanded gaming.

Senator Stein continued by citing the opposition of many of her colleagues



Steve Caller, Nathan Slovis, and Steve Shapiro (of Louisville) at the event.

in the state legislature. She also noted the difficulty of convincing the rural counties of the good that can come to them from not only the horse business but also expanded gaming and the income derived. A further hurdle to be overcome is the perception by many that horse farmers are all wealthy and are only trying to find ways of increasing their income.

Senator Stein recognized the need for increased education of not only her colleagues in the assembly but also of the population in general. She spoke of current educational programming as being important but not enough. She pledged her support and the support of her Democratic colleagues for finding appropriate means to overcome the opposition to expanded gaming.

Finally, she informed the group that there was new legislation being written that would allow expanded gaming to be voted on county by county. This would enable those counties that feel that the new gaming laws would be beneficial to their constituencies to enact the necessary legislation to make it happen. Unfortunately, this would require a constitutional amendment to the Kentucky Constitution. While cautiously optimistic, she recognized that this could be a difficult hurdle to leap.

Overall, the evening was very successful. The attendees stated that they had been educated by the speakers. They, then, responded by making pledges to the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass and, especially, the work of the Ben Yarkir horseback riding therapy program.

The evening was made possible by the untiring work of the three co-chairs and Leon Cooper, founder of the Equine Division. ☆

B'tayavon (Hearty Appetite)

By Ruth Poley



I know just the words "Brussels sprouts" send shudders through some folks. These, however, are really good vegetables, not to mention all the health benefits to be derived from eating them. Brussels sprouts are cruciferous vegetables, which contain many vitamins and minerals as well as antioxidants. I suspect most of us have only seen them loose or in mesh bags in the supermarket or in boxes in the freezer. This time of year it's sometimes possible to find them *au naturel* in farmer's markets. Did you know that they grow on large, sturdy stalks? Being a city kid, I was well into my 30s the first time I saw them that way; it was a revelation. Since that time, I have always made Brussels sprouts in the fall, especially when I could find them on the stalk. If you've never tried them, the following recipe is a good one to start with; it's pretty easy to make and very tasty. Brussels sprouts are a great addition to a Thanksgiving meal; this is probably not the best recipe for a turkey meal but I have a wonderful one that uses chestnuts. Email me if you're interested.

Brussels Sprouts with White Beans and Pecorino

(makes 8 servings)

- 8 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 pounds Brussels sprouts (try to find smaller ones), trimmed, cut in half lengthwise
- 6 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 cup low-salt vegetable broth
- 1 15-ounce cannellini beans, drained
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup (about 4 ounces) coarsely grated young pecorino

Heat 3 tablespoons oil in heavy large skillet over high heat. When just about to smoke, add half of Brussels sprouts. Cook until brown, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Transfer to large bowl. Heat 3 tablespoons oil in same skillet. Add remaining Brussels sprouts, reduce heat to medium-high, and cook until brown, stirring occasionally, about 5 minutes. Transfer Brussels sprouts to same bowl.

Add remaining 2 tablespoons oil to skillet; increase heat to high. Add garlic, sauté until brown, stirring constantly, about 1 minute. Add broth and Brussels sprouts. Cook until Brussels sprouts are crisp-tender, stirring frequently, about 3 minutes. Add beans and butter; stir until butter melts and broth is reduced to glaze, about 1 minute. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in cheese.

**Can be prepared up to this point and held or refrigerated. When ready to serve, reheat (of course, you don't have a microwave, but you can probably heat it, covered, in the oven) and then add cheese and serve.*

NOTE: If you have an appropriate food story you'd like to share, or a recipe you think others in the Jewish community might enjoy, please email me at rgp@insightbb.com

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SIM SHALOM NEWS Volume 6 #4

By Jesse Weil, from Budapest, Hungary

Sim Shalom is blessed with a very active and vibrant youth group. During the year it meets monthly with the Rabbi to discuss various ethical issues from a Jewish point of view, as well as putting on an annual Purim Spiel for the congregation. But being young people, sometimes they just want to have fun. Inspired and encouraged by the visits from the British Netzer youth group to Budapest, they decided to have a similar experience for themselves. So last summer ten of them, accompanied by their leader, Kati Gyarmas and by Rabbi Katalin Kelemen, went to London for six days. Staying in a conveniently located youth hostel near Regents Park, they saw lots of the major sights such as the Houses of Parliament, Big Ben, the London Eye, the Globe Theater and Trafalgar Square. A visit to the British Museum was one of the highlights of the trip when our own Rabbi in training, Peter Radvanski, showed them the wonderful offerings of the museum on the ancient history of the Jews in Egypt and Israel. And they didn't stint on their religious experiences since they visited the two largest synagogues of the British Reform/Liberal movement which compare favorably with our own Dohany Synagogue in Budapest in their grandeur and decoration.

There are many excellent photographers in the group, and they took lots of photos. These particular ones are not yet posted, but you can see some of their previous work in Budapest and the Hungarian countryside if you

go to our website, www.sim-shalom.org, and click on Gallery and then look at the video and at the Youth Group Photo Exhibition 2010. Our first cultural program of the fall season was a presentation of their photos illustrating their individual impressions from this visit to London.

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Joe Engelberg leads this study of fundamental ideas of Jewish life and thought. Drop in the library on alternate Saturdays at 9 AM and join in the provocative and friendly discussion. **November 12 & 26**

TORAH STUDY

Rabbi Kline conducts the study of the Tanakh (the Bible) from the Book of Joshua and beyond using the new Jewish Study Bible on alternate Saturdays at 9 AM in the Library. **November 5 & 19**

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 AM to take a look at the Torah portion for each week. Rabbi will lead some, and everyone will take turns. Join us on November 5, 12, 19, & 26. We will have parsha with worship study on **November 19**. See you in the library!

TAI BOOK CLUB

The next meeting will be November 17, at 7:30 PM in the Temple library. We hope you'll join us.

TORAH LISHMAH STUDY

Torah Lishmah (A Look at Jewish Traditions) is scheduled on November 10 with Rabbi Kline who will discuss the topic "What makes the turkey kosher? If it is kosher, that is," at 7 PM in the Temple library.

MUSSAR CLASS

A program for all seekers of spiritual connection. This study group will meet monthly to explore Mussar, a traditional Jewish spiritual discipline that offers guidance to help you cultivate the qualities of your soul. Join us on Sunday from 9:30-10:30 AM in the Sisterhood Lounge. **November 20**

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Rebecca Young, President

Can you imagine being a dues paying member of a group for 50+ years? It

must be one incredible group! Sisterhood is proud to honor 11 women for their consistent support of Sisterhood for 50 or more years. When a woman reaches her 50th year of Sisterhood membership, she becomes an honorary member, which means she is no longer required to pay dues. Some of our members reached their honorary status a few years ago while others joined this impressive group this year. We look forward to honoring these women during our November program.

Our honorary members are: Renee Hymson, Mindy Kavinow, Marilyn Lieber, JoAnn Miller, Harriet Rose, Irma Rosenstein, Betty Rosenthal, Leona Stern, Sybil Stern, Barbara Straus, and Vivian Weil. If your name was accidentally left out, please let me know.

Our members are incredibly devoted to Sisterhood programs and causes. We want to thank Etta Pollan for sending out the yahrzeit cards to our congregants for the past 10 years. Etta has decided it's time to hand this project over to Judi Gewirtzman. Thank you Etta and Judi for helping us remember our loved ones.

All Sisterhood members are invited to **Chai Tea on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2:30pm** in the Temple library. The Sisterhood board is sponsoring the tea as a thank you to our members for their support. Members, please RSVP by noon Fri., Nov. 11, to Sandee in the temple office at 269-2979.

If you haven't joined Sisterhood yet, there is still time! Contact Christy Roth at crickie21@gmail.com or 219-3238.



First and third Sundays of the month

Yiddish Drop-in! 10:30 a.m. at the Jewish Federation office. An hour of Yiddish with Refoyl Finkl (Rafi Finkel). Beginners welcome, fluent speakers welcome, and those who remember "a por verter fun der heym" also welcome. We'll adjust what we do to the levels of those who come. No long-term commitment necessary. No charge. Worth every cent, at least!

Planning on leaving town for a few months? Going on a long vacation? Moving any time soon?

You can help save the Jewish Federation money by informing us of your plans and preventing the U.S. Postal Service from charging us for returned mail and address change notices.

Before you go, call the Federation office or send us an email and let us know if you would like the mail sent temporarily to a different address, at no charge to you, or halted for a certain number of months. Give us a chance to get it right for you on the first mailing.

Contact Tamara at (859) 268-0672 or tamara@jewishlexington.org

Are you on the Jewish Federation's email list?

We send updated announcements and special event details weekly to those who wish to receive them.

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FRIDAY NIGHTS

Shabbat Dinner

Come for Shabbat dinner and socializing and enjoy some singing and learning as well. Please R.S.V.P. to the OZS office to make your reservation for this fun event. (266-8050) or ozslex@insightbb.com) The next Shabbat Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 pm on November 4th.

Young OZS-ers' Shabbat

Folks in their 20's and 30's get together monthly for Fabulous Friday Nights with Food, Fun and Festivities. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. This month the Young OZS-ers' will be meeting on November 11th.

Kids' Shabbat and PJ Library

A monthly Friday evening Shabbat Service for children ages 4-9, with pizza and play, song and stories. We read amazing PJ Library books (available for free through the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass). Please join us and feel free to bring friends. The next Kid's Shabbat is scheduled for November 18th at 5:15 pm.

OZS CLASSES

Introduction to Judaism

On November 6th we will begin a course exploring fundamentals of Judaism. This class is open for anyone seeking a greater connection to Judaism, and it is essential for all considering conversion to Judaism through OZS. The class will generally meet every other week on Sunday afternoons. Please email Rabbi Smolkin (Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com) for more information, or if you know someone who might be interested.

Chanting Torah

Want to learn how to chant Torah from the scroll itself? Join us Wednesday evenings in November, and we'll learn the basics together. The class will meet November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 30th at 7:30 pm. Please email Rabbi Smolkin (Rabbi.Smolkin@gmail.com) to sign up for the class.

Stories of Our Sages

As part of our Thursday prayer service at 5:45 pm, we will explore the stories of our sages. These are some of the

most famous and fun stories from the Talmud and Midrash. Exploring them together, we will open our hearts and minds to the wisdom of Judaism. Newcomers are always welcome!

Friday Morning Talmud Study

The Talmud Study group meets each Friday morning for prayer, food, and study. The morning begins with the brief Shaharit service at 7:30 am followed by a light breakfast and study. Newcomers are always welcome!

SOCIAL

D'Vine Minyan on Tuesdays

Tuesday is D'Vine Minyan Day at OZS! Join your friends for a relaxing glass of wine and socializing each Tuesday afternoon beginning at 5:00 pm in the OZS Library (or outside when the weather is nice!). The brief afternoon/evening minyan follows in the sanctuary. A great way to end your day!

SERVICES

Weekday Minyan

A Minyan is held Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 5:45pm, and Friday

mornings at 7:30 am. Please come and help make a minyan!

SHABBAT SCHEDULE

Come Celebrate Shabbat! The Friday night schedule for November is:

November 4th - Shabbat Dinner at 6:00 pm
November 11th - Young OZS-ers' at 6:00 pm
November 18th - Kids' Shabbat at 5:15 pm
November 25th - Family and Friends Shabbat at Home; No service at OZS

We hope you will join us for our spirited Shabbat Morning Service each Saturday morning at 9:30 am with Kiddush Lunch following in the Social Hall.

MEMBERSHIP

If you know someone new to the Lexington area interested in learning more about Ohavay Zion, please call Membership Chairs Ricki Rosenberg at 221-2121 or Harriet Cooper at 269-1136.

Experience a concert reflective of the *intense joy and pain* of our times.

HUMAN SPIRIT

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The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah

Jane Chaput, President

In Israel, when school begins, administrators at Hadassah Hospitals are aware that the children hospitalized in the Medical Center will not be joining their companions on the important first day. Keenly conscious of what their patients are missing, Hadassah provides mobile computers and computer stations to help them connect with their classrooms and keep up with their friends; this is as essential to their wellbeing as medical care.

Some years ago, Hadassah established Hadassah Schools at the hospitals in Ein Kerem and on Mt. Scopus and at the Hadassah Child and Family Mental Health Center in downtown Jerusalem. The School's 60 teachers and therapists do more than educate according to the Ministry of Education's requirements for 11 grades beginning with kindergarten. They provide many beneficial and enjoyable forms of therapy, including: music, dance, art, gardening, cooking, and sandbox therapy. These specialized activities help the children express their innermost fears and feelings, which in turn provide the therapists with additional insight in how to allay young patients' anxieties.

The students reflect the patient population: Jews, Christians, and Muslims study in Hebrew and Arabic and they play together in the common language children always manage to establish. "The children don't have to come to class, but they like to," says Edna Pinchover, Principal of the Hadassah Schools, "and we are there for them, whether they are hospitalized for one day or long term."

Being 'there for them' especially means helping them adjust to the hospital setting and all that hospitalization entails, so Hadassah conceived and developed a special program to help young patients deal with their new reality. "We teach children about the medical

procedures they will face," Ms. Pinchover said. "We have a program on blood tests, one on preparation for surgery, and one on treatments for cancer, among others."

Because of this initiative, for the second year in a row, the Ministry of Education has given the Hadassah School the special designation of an experimental school. "The program is a great success, and one that every hospital in the country plans to incorporate," according to Ms. Pinchover.

In keeping with the important theme of helping children, The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah has had a close relationship with the Kentucky Children's Hospital for many years. Volunteers have been making dolls to help children visualize and understand the their unique procedures. The children can see where in the body the hypodermic needle will go; they will understand which limb will have a cast; or where a catheter will be placed. This personalization helps ease their fears. The Lexington Chapter also supports KCH through donations of toys and games in our annual Mitzvah Project, which will take place during Hanukkah on December 22.

The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah's first Progressive Dinner Fundraiser will take place on November 12. The events of the evening will begin with a spiritually uplifting Havdalah service, after which appetizers and cocktails will be served. Participants will then drive to one of several private homes for a truly elegant dinner. A festive dessert will be waiting at a third home. All proceeds raised will help the Lexington Chapter of Hadassah continue the important work of supporting programs in Israel and here in Kentucky. ☆

Hadassah membership big announcement

HADASSAH. FOR NOW. FOR LIFE

In honor of Hadassah's Centennial Celebration, Hadassah is offering a ONCE in a LIFETIME opportunity for a LIMITED TIME only.

- From January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011, take advantage of the Celebration offer.
- A Life Member who is either new to Hadassah or an Annual Member who steps up to Life Membership was \$360, now is only \$100
- Child Life Membership was \$360, now costs only \$100
- Associate (for men) enrollment was \$300, now is only \$100
- No deduction or credit given for previous payments
- Payment plans excluded from offer
- Payment to Hadassah by check or credit card
- Annual Membership remains \$36

Now is the time to make yourself, daughters, granddaughters, husbands, sons and friends Hadassah Life Members. Join Hadassah family as we share our love for Israel and learn the Hadassah accomplishments. You may enroll on the Hadassah website at www.hadassah.org/100. If you go on line please be sure to enter Central States Region-Lexington, KY Chapter in the appropriate section.

ONLY NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER REMAINING. HURRY, DON'T WAIT

For further information, contact Odette Kaplan, Membership VP
2357 Abbeywood Rd. Lex. KY 40515
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omkaplan@aol.com



2 wonderful (and free!) programs for families will be part of this year's **Global Day of Jewish Learning** November 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Temple Adath Israel. Pizza dinner to follow.

- *Sweet Dreams for Kids & Families*
- *And You Shall Teach it to Your Grandchildren*

Find out more in "JFS: At Your Service" on page 4 of this paper.

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a gathering of local Jewish adults, ages 21 to "40ish" (about 45), who get together at least monthly for social events. Join our mailing list. Contact Tamara Ohayon at tamara@jewishlexington.org, (859) 268-0672, or find us on Facebook!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 20
Night Out: Film Series
"Rashevski's Tango"
and Dinner

Tuesday, December 20
First Night of
Hanukkah: Show at
Natasha's Bistro



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The Lexington Havurah

Jeremy D. Popkin, President

The Lexington Havurah, founded in 1978, is a network of diverse people dedicated to Jewish learning and renewal, community building, and tikkun olam (repairing the world). A havurah is defined as a gathering or community of friends. The Lexington Havurah is affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the National Havurah Committee. Members plan, conduct, and share responsibility for all services. For additional information about services or membership in the Havurah, please contact me at popkin@email.uky.edu, or the co-chairs of the Membership Committee, Evelyn Geller (859) 278-3609, evelynkadimah@aol.com, or David Feinberg, (859) 223-1304, kdfm@insightbb.com.

"I guess I really shouldn't wish you a happy Yom Kippur," one of my non-Jewish friends wrote to me just before the holiday last month. How could I explain to her that, while Yom Kippur is indeed a day for serious reflection and for fasting, it is also a holiday that brings Jews, including the members of the Havurah, some very real happiness?

I am not just referring to the meal most of our members share with other friends in the congregation before we gather for the Kol Nidre service and to our group's celebrated communal break-the-fast potluck afterward, even though these are always pleasant occasions.

Yom Kippur is a holiday we look forward to because, even as we examine

our own shortcomings and repent for our sins, we also feel especially close to God and to the other members of our congregation.

The Yom Kippur liturgy reminds us of how often we have failed to live up to God's mitzvot and to our own best intentions, but it also reminds us that we have a chance to do better in the year to come. Yom Kippur is a holiday that promises us a fresh start, which is certainly a cause for rejoicing.

The Yom Kippur liturgy includes many beautiful prayers that we do not say at other times of the year. Limited as my Hebrew is, I appreciate the ingenuity as well as the devotion that went into the composition of the many acrostic prayers we recite or sing.

Yom Kippur is also a holiday that brings out the best in our participatory congregation. Over the course of 24 hours, everyone takes a turn in leading services. I enjoy hearing the familiar voices of the friends with whom I have shared this holiday for so many years, and the subtle differences in the ways in which they do things keep the service from becoming boring.

Our group is small enough to discuss the meaning of what we are doing even as we are doing it. This year, as we adapted to our new mahzor, the Conservative movement's Lev Shalem, we exchanged comments about the commentaries in the margins, which were new to us, and discussed how the translations of the Hebrew prayers differed from those in our old book.

Years ago, before I joined the Havurah, fasting alone at home for the holiday often seemed hard. When I began observing the holiday with the group, I learned that being together with friends and sharing in the day's rituals makes the time go by much more easily. In recent years, doctor's orders have given me an excuse not to go the whole 25 hours, but I actually miss the special feeling I used to get in those final hours of the day.

So my friend need not have worried about hoping that I would enjoy the holiday. It's not a giddy festival like Purim, or one as filled with jokes and good food as Passover, but Yom Kippur is indeed an occasion that should leave us in a better mood than we were before it started. ☆

Join us for a pre-Hanukkah celebration

the Jewish Federation's annual

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Global Day (from page 1)

Shall Teach it to Your Grandchildren, and *Bedtime Shema (Sweet Dreams for Kids & Families)*, where parents can network and develop bedtime rituals to use with their children.

Our Lexington program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass, with support of B'nai Brith, Hadassah, the Havurah, Ohavay Zion Synagogue and Temple Adath Israel. Thanks to Rabbi Kline and Rabbi Smolkin for their partnership and to TAI for hosting this year's program.

About Global Day

The mission of the Global Day of Jewish Learning is to bring the Jewish people together to celebrate the foundational Jewish texts through community-based learning.

More than 200 communities in over 30 countries around the world have already registered to sponsor Global Day of Jewish Learning programs on November 13, representing Jews throughout the United States, Canada, Israel, Europe, India, Australia, Turkey, Brazil, Peru, China and the Czech Republic to name a few.

At the international level, Global Day is spearheaded by the Aleph Society. Organizing partners include: the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee; the Jewish Community Center Association; Jewish Education Service of North America; Jewish Federations of North America; and the Shefa Institute.

Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, who inspired Global Day, is a scholar, teacher, mystic, and social critic. He has written some 60 books and hundreds of articles on the Talmud, Kabbalah and Chasidut. In addition to the full Modern Hebrew translation, Rabbi Steinsaltz has translated parts of the Talmud into English, Spanish, French, and Russian.

The Bottom Line(s)

This is an opportunity to learn from each other and celebrate our Lexington and world-wide Jewish communities. Consider a \$5 donation for your dinner. Look at the articles in this paper on the PJ Library® and "At Your Service." Visit www.TheGlobalDay.com. Call JFBluegrass at (859) 268-0672 for more information or to sign up. ☆



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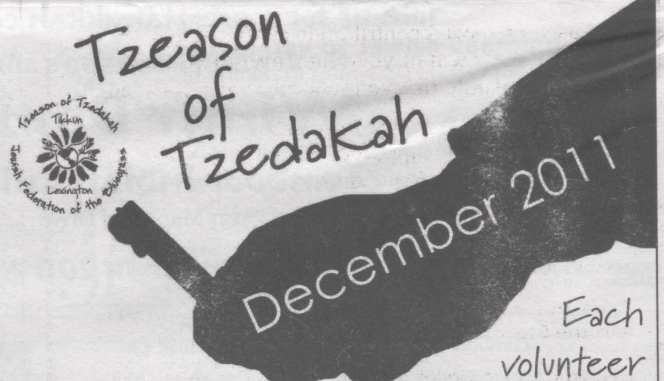
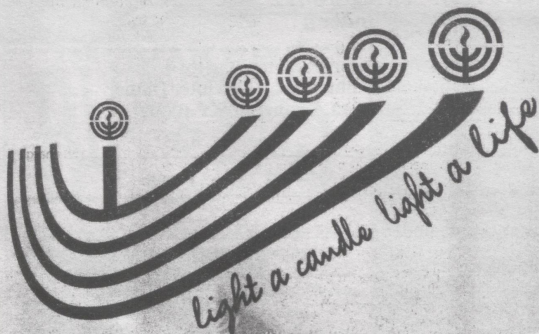
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Correction: in the last issue of *Shalom* the congratulations to **Alan Stein** were inadvertently placed under condolences. Our apologies to Alan and to our readers.

Mazal Tov to:

Ana and Natan Mandelbaum, Laura and George Szekeley, on the birth of their daughter and granddaughter, **Aliza Rochelle**.

Gayle and Peter Bourne on their Jewish wedding.

Rosie Moosnick & Ted Schatzki on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, **Louis Marek**.

Condolences to:

Steven Gall, Pamela Kowan, and Deborah Gall on the death of their mother **Zelda Cohen Gall**.

Mimi Brownstein, Jeff Moosnick, Greg Moosnick, Ross Moosnick and niece **Rosie Moosnick** on the death of their mother and aunt **Marilyn Kilgus Moosnick**.

The Jewish Federation of the Bluegrass accepts donations for special occasions in honor or in memory of important people in your life.

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Thank you to:

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Evelyn Dantzie Geller in honor of David and Michael Ravvin's graduations.

Linda and Leon Ravvin in honor of Gayle and Peter Bourne's renewal of wedding vows.



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- **OZS - Ohavay Zion Synagogue - www.ozs.org**
• 2048 Edgewater Court • 266-8050 • Jonathan Glixon, President
• Minyan Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays are D'vine Minyan: wine at 5:00 p.m., service follows. Friday evening rotating Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45 p.m., Kids' Shabbat 5:15 p.m., Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m., Young OZS-ers' Shabbat dinners 6:00 p.m. Check OZS Google calendar for monthly schedules. Shabbat Services Saturdays 9:30 a.m.
- **TAI - Temple Adath Israel - www.lextai.org**
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- **HAD - The Lexington Chapter of Hadassah - www.centralstates.hadassah.org**
• Jane Chaput, President • chaput1@windstream.net
- **HAV - The Lexington Havurah - www.lexhavurah.uscjhost.net**
• 338-5725 • Jeremy Popkin, President • popkin@uky.edu • Shabbat Services monthly, call for schedule
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Hadassah Book Club					TAI Bar Mitzvah	TAI Bar Mitzvah
30	31	November 1	2	3	4	5
JFB Yiddish Class		Chabad-Rabbi Litvin visits	JFS Advisory Committee Meeting (Members only)			Hadassah Progressive Dinner
Lexington Jewish Film Series						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
JFB Global Day of Jewish Learning				God's Pantry Night		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
JFB Yiddish Class				Federation office closed for Thanksgiving	Federation office closed	
TAI on Rye						
Lexington Jewish Film Series						
YBJ Dinner and a Movie						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Lunch and Learn with our local rabbis	JFB Board Mtgs			
27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3
TAI Rummage Sale	UK Jewish Studies Program					
JFB Yiddish Class						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10